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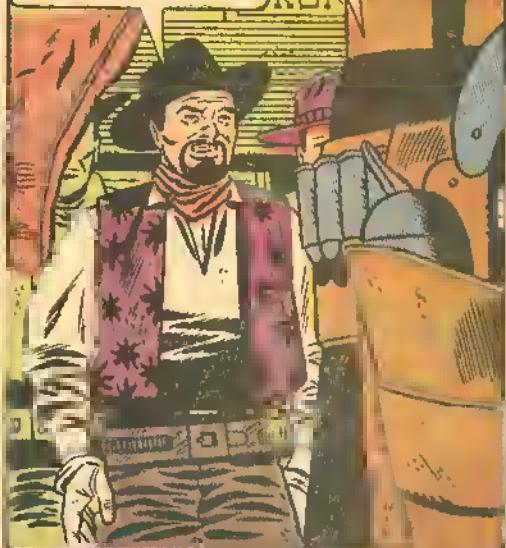
in REDMAN'S VENGEANCE

THE NEWS SPREAD LIKE WILDFIRE, AS THE STREETS OF ADOBE FLATS GREW OMINOUSLY SILENT AND DEVOID OF LIFE. BLACK DIAMOND WAS IN TOWN, AND THE LONG AWAITED SHOWDOWN WITH BAT SLADE AND HIS KILLERS WAS AT HAND.



YORE CRAZY, DIAMOND?
CRAZY? IT'S THREE
AGIN' ONE, WE'LL SHOOT
YUH TO DOLL RAGS.

FILL YOUR HANDS,
COYOTES, I'M
WAITIN' ON YOU.



BLACK DIAMOND STANDS READY, A COLD
METHODICAL LOOK IN HIS EYES, ALERT FOR
THE FIRST MOVE THAT WOULD BRING HIS GUNS
INTO PLAY. AND IN THE BRIEF SECONDS BE-
FORE ANYTHING OCCURS, HIS MIND RACES
BACK... BACK TO THE BEGINNING....



RIDE WITH BLACK DIAMOND
AND BUMPER AS THEY GALLOP TO
ANOTHER EXCITING ADVENTURE
OF THE OLD WEST!



STORY + ART
PETE MORISI

WHAT IS IT,
DIAMOND?
TROUBLE?

BAD TROUBLE, BUMPER. IT'S FROM
SHERIFF JED BLAKE, HE NEEDS OUR
HELP. RED DEER AND HIS TRIBE ARE
GETTIN' READY TO GO ON THE WARPATH.
LET'S GO!



ISN'T THIS RED
DEER A FRIEND
OF YOURS,
DIAMOND?

THAT'S RIGHT, BUMPER, HE
PRACTICALLY RAISED ME FROM
CHILDHOOD. HIS SON, BRAVE CLOUD,
AND I WERE BROUGHT UP AS
BROTHERS TOGETHER. SCRATCH
DUST, RELIAPON!



A DAY LATER, IN THE TOWN OF ADOBE FLATS.

BUT WHY, JED? RED
DEER HAS ALWAYS
BEEN AT PEACE WITH
THE WHITE MAN. WHY
WOULD HE TURN
HOSTILE NOW?

THERE'S YORE ANSWER,
BLACK DIAMOND, IN THE
FORM OF A TWO-LEGGED
POLECAT NAMED BAT
SLADE.



*THINGS WERE GOIN' ALONG RIGHT PEACEFUL-LIKE,
DIAMOND, THAT IS, UNTIL SLADE GOT WIND OF A
RICH GOLD VEIN LOCATED ON THE INJUN RESERVA-
TION. SINCE THEN, HE'S BEEN CAUSIN' TROUBLE,
HOPIN' TO START A FRACAS THAT WOULD WIPE
RED DEER AND HIS TRIBE OUT, SO'S HE CAN
GET AT THAT GOLD!



SO NOW, RED DEER WANTS
TO GO ON THE WARPATH, EH?
CAN'T SAY AS I BLAME HIM
MUCH. BUT TELL ME JED, AS
SHERIFF OF ADOBE FLATS,
WHY HAVEN'T YOU BROUGHT
SLADE IN?

CAN'T, BLACK DIAMOND.
I'D BE A FOOL TO TACKLE
HIM, AS LONG AS HIS
GUNSLINGERS ARE WITH
HIM, AN' HE DON'T DO
NOTHIN' WITHOUT 'EM.



BUMPER AND I ARE RIDING OUT TO
RED DEER'S CAMP. MAYBE HE'LL LISTEN
TO REASON. IN THE MEANTIME, GET WORD
TO BAT SLADE AND HIS SIDEKICKS,
AND TELL THEM I'LL BE BACK!



HOURS LATER, BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER
WERE DEEP IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

I DON'T LIKE THIS,
DIAMOND. SOMETHING
IS WRONG. I CAN
FEEL IT.

YOU'RE RIGHT, THE
DRUMS HAVE STOPPED.
THE WAR COUNCIL IS
OVER. WE'RE TOO
LATE!

THE TWO HORSEMEN SOON ARRIVED AT THE INDIAN CAMP, AND,
THE REUNION OF OLD FRIENDS WAS SET ASIDE, AS BLACK
DIAMOND TOLD HIS STORY, BUT HIS WORDS FELL UPON DEAF EARS.

ONCE WE ROAMED THE PLAINS, A PROUD AND FREE
PEOPLE. THEN, THE WHITE MAN CAME AND DROVE US
FROM OUR LANDS. WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO LIVE
WITHIN ANOTHER MAN'S LAWS, AND SPAT UPON
BY RENEGADES WHO WOULD SEE US DESTROYED.
WE ARE NOT CATTLE TO BE LED TO THE SLAUGHTER.
THE TIME TO ARISE IS NOW!

YOU FORCE ME, MY CHIEF, TO MAKE A DECISION
WHICH WILL HANG HEAVY WITH ME FOR THE REST
OF MY DAYS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRIBAL
LAWS, I NOW CLAIM THE RIGHT OF
MORTAL COMBAT, THE OUTCOME TO DECIDE
THE COURSE YOUR PEOPLE WILL TAKE.



BRAVE
CLOUD?
BUT I
CAN'T...
I MEAN...

IT IS WELL, MY BROTHER, I KNOW
WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART, BUT THE
TIME HAS PASSED FOR WORDS.
THE DESTINY OF A PEOPLE RESTS
ON OUR SHOULDERS, SO PREPARE
TO FIGHT WELL.



YOUR CLAIM SADDENS ME, DIAMOND, BUT IT
CANNOT BE REFUSED. TRIBAL LAWS ALSO
DECREE THAT ONLY THE BRAVEST OF THE
TRIBE CAN ENGAGE IN SUCH A COMBAT,
AND THERE IS NO ONE HERE THAT SURPASSES
THE COURAGE OF BRAVE CLOUD,
MY SON!



LATER, ATOP THUNDER RIDGE, WHERE THE BATTLE
IS TO TAKE PLACE, A SAD CHIEFTAIN GIVES THE WORD
FOR THE BATTLE TO BEGIN.

THE TIME IS AT HAND, MY SONS. MAY THE
GODS WATCH OVER YOU BOTH. COMMENCE!



THE MASKED MAN AND THE INDIAN BRAVE LOCK IN COMBAT, EACH RESPECTING THE OTHER'S GREAT STRENGTH. THE SECONDS TICK BY INTO AN ETERNITY OF MINUTES AS THE BATTLE, AT FIRST GOES ONE WAY, AND, THEN, ANOTHER.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN EACH MAN ATTEMPTS VICTORY, BUT BOTH MEN HAVE BEEN TAUGHT WELL; NEITHER GIVES GROUND. THE BATTLE IS AN EQUAL ONE, AND ONLY ENDURANCE AND STAMINA, WOULD DETERMINE THE OUTCOME.

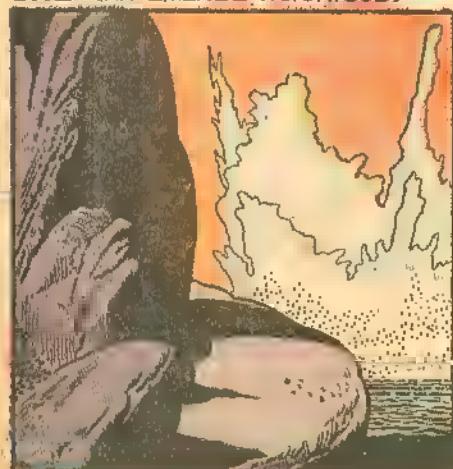


AN HOUR PASSES, THEN TWO, AS THE FATE OF A PEOPLE HANGS IN THE BALANCE. MUSCLES TIRED UNDER MERCILESS PUNISHMENT AS BOTH MEN BEGIN TO WEAKEN. THE SILENT STRUGGLE WAS TAKING ITS TOLL.

SEEING HIS ADVANTAGE, BRAVE CLOUD LUNGES WILDLY FOR HIS MASKED OPPONENT, ONLY TO BE CAUGHT IN A STEEL-LIKE GRIP THAT SENDS THEM BOTH TOWARD THE PRECIPICE.



BOTH COMBATANTS HURL DOWNWARD INTO THE WATERS BELOW, BUT THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES, FOR ONLY ONE CAN EMERGE VICTORIOUS.



FOR A MOMENT THE WATER THRASHES WILDLY ABOUT, AND THEN, SUDDENLY, ALL IS CALM. THE BATTLE IS OVER.



AND BLACK DIAMOND IS THE VICTOR.

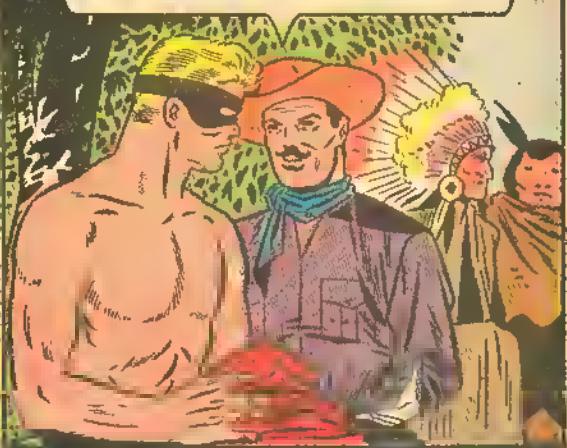


THE WESTERN CHAMPION KNEELS BY THE WATERS EDGE, AND MUTTERS A SILENT PRAYER FOR HIS INDIAN BLOOD BROTHER. A TWIST OF FATE HAD MADE THEM ENEMIES, AND THE INDIAN HAD DIED FOR WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE RIGHT. NOW, THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO.



SOON, BUMPER, RED DEER, AND HIS TRIBE ARRIVE UPON THE SCENE.

MAN, DIAMOND, YOU SURE GAVE ME A SCARE. I THOUGHT YOU WERE A M



...GONER.



BUMPER'S WORDS GO UNHEARD AS BLACK DIAMOND URGES HIS MOUNT IN THE DIRECTION OF ADOBE FLATS, A COLD GRIM LOOK IN HIS EYES. BAT SLADE AND HIS KILLERS WOULD PAY DEARLY FOR BRAVE CLOUDS DEATH.



THAT'S THE WAY IT HAD BEEN. AND NOW, THE SHOWDOWN WAS AT HAND.

YOU HEARD ME, COYOTES, FILL YOUR HANDS!



WHAT'RE YOU WAITIN' FOR, BOSS, LET'S GUN 'IM DOWN?

I.. I CAN'T.. H.. HE MUST BE LOCO. THOSE EYES.. LOOK AT THOSE EYES!

WELL, WE AINT AFRAID. LET'S TAKE 'IM BILLY!



THE ECHO OF GUNFIRE SHATTERS THE SILENCE OF
ADOBE FLATS, AS BLACK DIAMOND'S GUNS RIP
OUT A ROAR OF DEATH.



AS THE SMOKE CLEARED TWO GUNSLINGERS LAY DEAD
ON THE GROUND. ONLY BLACK DIAMOND AND BAT
SLADE REMAINED. BUT THEN, SUDDENLY, THE
MASKED MAN'S KNEES BUCKLED, AND HE FELL
FORWARD, A NASTY WOUND ON THE SIDE OF
HIS HEAD.



HA-HA-HA! NOW IT'S MY TURN, DIAMOND.
AN' I'M BLASTIN' YOU TO BOOT HILL, LIKE ALL
THE OTHER HOMBRES THAT TRIED TO TACKLE
BAT SLADE. HA-HA-HA! ONE... TWO...



RED DEER?
BUMPER?
HOW...?

RED DEER AND I FIGURED
YOU MIGHT BE NEEDIN' SOME
HELP RIGHT ABOUT NOW,
DIAMOND. GUESS WE
FIGURED RIGHT, EH?



THREE...
UNNNNNN??



HOURS LATER, BACK AT THE INDIAN CAMP.

GO IN PEACE, MY SON, FOR MY PEOPLES
VENGEANCE IS COMPLETE. THE WHITE
RENEGADES THAT WOULD SEE US
DESTROYED, ARE NO MORE. AND TAKE
WITH YOU, BLACK DIAMOND, THE THANKS
OF A NATION UNITED...

...YOURS AND MINE!



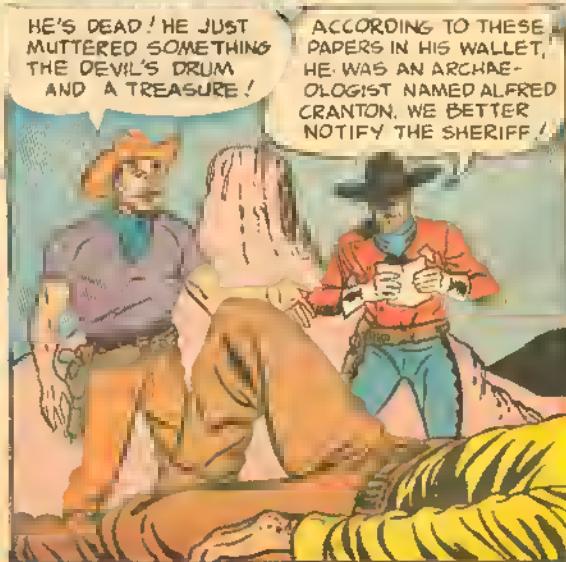
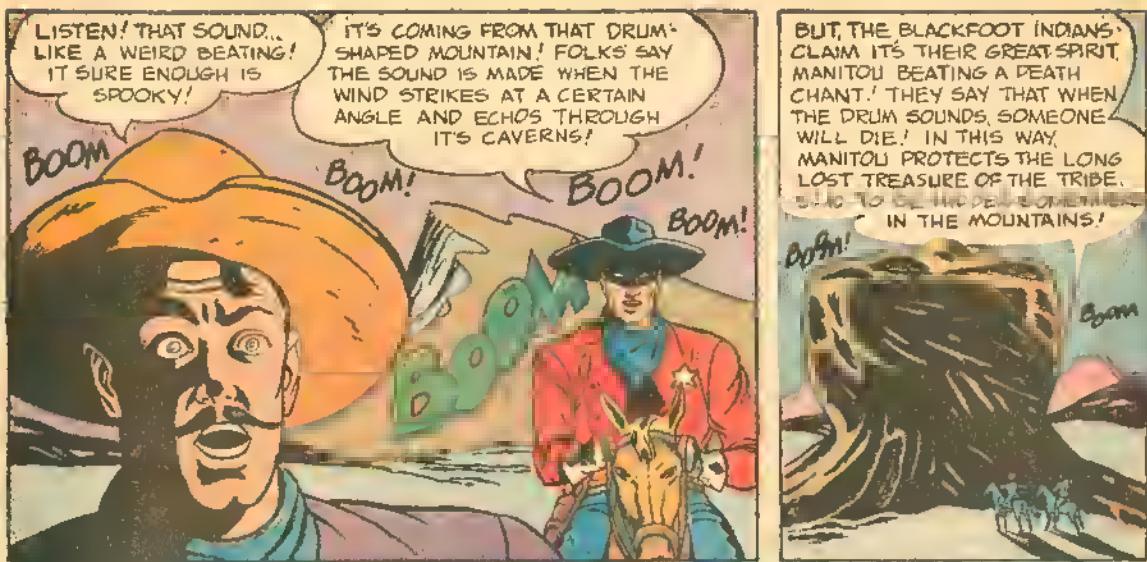
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THROUGHOUT THE AGES, VISIONS OF BURIED TREASURE HAVE LED GREEDY MEN TO COMMIT ACTS OF MAYHEM AND MURDER. IN THE WESTERN COUNTRY LIES THE MOUNTAINOUS REGION OF ARIZONA. MOVING ACROSS THE ROCKY INFERNO, COMES BLACK DIAMOND, ON THE TRAIL OF BURIED TREASURE SEEKING FOR A MYTH, WONDERING IF THERE IS ANN TRUTH BEHIND THE STRANGE LEGEND OF...



ONE EVENING AS TWILIGHT BLANKETS THE PRAIRIE, BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER RODE INTO A MYSTERIOUS VALLEY. OUT OF THE EERIE BLACKNESS, LOOMED A WEIRD MOUNTAIN...





I DUNNO...THIS KILLING COULD BE, IF WE HAS ME BUFFALOED! I KNEW WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR, WED HAVE A CLUE TO THE IDENTITY OF HIS KILLER!



I TELL YOU, MARSHAL; I WARNED HIM NOT TO GO SNOOPING IN THOSE MOUNTAINS! BUT HE JUST PLUMB WOULDN'T LISTEN TO ME.

WHAT PART DO YOU HAVE IN THIS?

'THAT'S LUKE. HE DOES ODD JOBS AROUND TOWN! BUT PAY HIM NO MIND. HE AIN'T QUITE RIGHT IN THE HEAD.'



I HEARD YOU TELL HIM, SHERIFF. YOU THINK I'M CRAZY! BUT I TOLD HIM, I TOLD HIM...

TOLD HIM WHAT, LUKE?

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, BLACK DIAMOND! HE'S AS BATTY AS A HOOTOWL!



IT'S THE GHOST OF THEM DEAD INJUNS ACTING UP! EVERYBODY WHO GOES LOOKIN' FOR THAT TREASURE ENDS UP ON BOOTHILL!

THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT FOOLISH PALAVER! YOU GET OUT OF HERE!

GO EASY ON HIM, SHERIFF!



YOU'LL SEE IT'S TRUE! I'M GETTING OUTTA HERE, PRONTO!

HE GOES ALL OVER TOWN SPREADING THEM FOOLISH GHOST STORIES!



FATHER! THEY KILLED MY FATHER! (SOB!) WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO KILL HIM? HE DIDN'T HAVE AN ENEMY IN THE WORLD.

NOW, TAKE IT EASY, MISS JULIE! WE'LL DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO CAPTURE THE KILLER!



I FOUND YOUR DAD, MISS! THE ONLY THING HE SAID BEFORE HE DIED, WAS "DEVIL'S DRUM!" CAN YOU THROW ANY LIGHT ON THAT?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS! POOR DAD HAD SUCH HOPES OF FINDING THE BLACKFOOT TREASURE!

I GUESS YOU'LL BE HEADING BACK EAST NOW THAT YOUR DAD IS GONE.

I'M NOT LEAVING UNTIL I FIND MY FATHER'S MURDERER! ALSO I THINK MY FATHER WOULD HAVE LIKED ME TO CARRY ON HIS WORK!

NOW, SEE HERE, MISS JULIE! I'M NOT LETTING A GIRL GO GALLIVAN-TING AROUND THIS LONELY COUNTRY. THE HOMBRE THAT KILLED YOUR FATHER, MIGHT HAVE THE SAME IDEA ABOUT YOU!



I'D LIKE TO TRACK DOWN THAT KILLER AND BRING HIM TO JUSTICE!

THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING... I SURE CAN USE SOME HELP!

YOU KNOW YOU CAN COUNT ON ME FOR HELP, BLACK DIAMOND!



DID YOUR FATHER KEEP ANY RECORDS OF HIS WORK?

OH, YES! DAD ALWAYS RECORDED HIS ACTIVITIES! ALL HIS NOTES ARE IN HIS HOTEL ROOM!



LATER AT THE HOTEL...

THAT'S HIS ROOM...

HOLD IT! SOMEONE PROWLING AROUND IN THERE!



GET BACK EVERY BODY! THERE MIGHT BE SHOOTING!





GUNS BARK...

BLACK DIAMOND'S AIM IS TRUE! HIS BULLET HITS THE MARK... AND THE KILLER IS WINGED...



WITH FANATICAL SPEED, THE KILLER HURLED HIMSELF FORWARD THROUGH THE WINDOW...



BACK AT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, THEY REPORT THE INCIDENT..

PROFESSOR CRANTON'S ROOM WAS RANSACKED, BUT WE TUSSLED WITH THE KILLER!

HOW COME YOUR ARM'S ALL BANDAGED UP, SHERIFF?



I THINK I'VE GOT SOME CLUES TO THE LOCATION OF THE TREASURE FROM PROFESSOR CRANTON'S RECORDS! WE'RE RIDING OVER TO DEVIL'S DRUM NOW. TO FIND OUT FOR SURE!



THEY ARRIVED SHORTLY AFTER SUNSET..

LET'S BED DOWN RIGHT HERE AND WE'LL LOOK AROUND FIRST THING IN THE MORNING...

SURE IS CREEPY HEREABOUTS!



OH, THIS? I WAS CLEANING MY RIFLE... CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT BACKFIRED THOUGH!



WITH SHERIFF REEVES TO SEE THEM OFF.. BLACK DIAMOND, BUMPER AND JULIE CRANTON HIT THE TRAIL FOR DEVIL'S DRUM...



SOON, UNDER THE BLACK MOONLESS SKY, THE PARTY IS FAST ASLEEP...



THAT BLACK DIAMOND IS A
HARD MAN..... BUT THIS
BOULDER'LL START AN AVALANCHE

SUDDENLY, RELIAPON
SENSES SOMETHING IS WRONG
AND BEGINS TO REAR UP...

WHOA! WHAT'S UP?
SOME MUST'VE DISTURB-
ED RELIAPON!

THERE'S DIRTY WORK BREWING
UP THERE... THAT MURDERING
COYOTE IS GOING TO START A
LANDSLIDE ANY MINUTE
NOW...

GATHERING EVERY OUNCE OF STRENGTH AND INDOMITABLE COURAGE, BLACK DIAMOND BEGINS
THE SLOW, GONIZING CLIMB UP THE MOUNTAIN TO STOP THE MENACING KILLER...

GOT TO GET UP
THERE

...AND STOP HIM!

BEFORE HE LOOSENS
THAT BOULDER...

...AND KILLS US ALL!

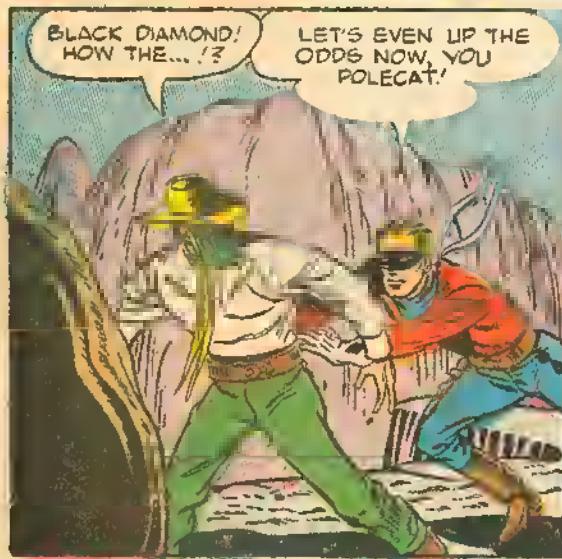
AS BLACK DIAMOND REACHES
THE TOP UNSEEN BY THE MASKED
KILLER...

I GUESS LADY LUCK'S
STILL WITH ME! HE
DIDN'T SPOT ME YET!



BLACK DIAMOND!
HOW THE...!?

LET'S EVEN UP THE
ODDS NOW, YOU
POLECAT!



ONLY MOMENTARILY STUNNED BY THE SUDDEN
ATTACK, THE KILLER QUICKLY RECOVERS HIS
BALANCE AND FIGHTS WITH ALL THE FEROCITY
OF A CRAZY WILDCAT...

YOU'LL NEVER GET ME,
LAWMAN! I'LL...



BUT EVEN BLACK DIAMOND'S POWERFUL FISTS ARE NO MATCH AGAINST A LUCKY PUNCH THE KILLER DELIVERS TO BLACK DIAMOND'S FOREHEAD...

AS BLACK DIAMOND LIES IN A HELPLESS DAZE, THE KILLER DRAWS HIS .45...WHEN SUDDENLY...



YOU'VE REACHED
THE END OF YORE
TRAIL, MARSHAL!



THE DEVIL'S DRUM BEATS. THE VIBRATIONS CAUSE A GIANT BOULDER TO BREAK LOOSE, TAKING WITH IT THE KILLER, STANDING IN ITS PATH, OVER THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF...!



THE REMOVAL OF THE MASK BRINGS A STARTLING DISCOVERY...



WITH HIS LAST BREATH, THE DYING MAN CONFESSES...



MINUTES LATER, BLACK DIAMOND SCAMPERS DOWN TO FIND BUMPER AND JULIE WITH THE DYING MURDERER



LATER, BACK IN TOWN...



BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER GET READY TO RIDE OUT...



BLACK DIAMOND TURNS AND SMILES A FAREWELL...



THE END

THE BIG GOLDRUSH

BY

"THE BLACK DIAMOND"

Many of us today, who thrill to read about the "Old West," have never had the chance to know how it all started.

All the exciting movies and stories about frontier days, cattle rustlers, bank robbers, stagecoach stick-ups, the bad men like the James boys, the Younger brothers, Belle Stark, Annie Oakley and all the rest came later —much later.

Until a certain exciting discovery, there were probably no more than 20,000 people in the far West, not counting Indians. And then in 1848 came news which spread around the world and brought nearly 300,000 people to California, brought them from all parts of the United States and from England, France, China, South America and even from far off Australia. Amazing, in those days without any modern communication that word of huge gold strikes would spread so fast.

It all happened in the strangest way. In 1848 nobody was quite sure to whom California belonged. Mexico considered most of the Northwest hers. Many Americans expected it to become part of the United States of America. Meanwhile, an empire builder named Sutter had come from Switzerland, gotten a huge grant of land from Mexico, and started to build an empire of which he hoped to be king. He employed a handful of Americans and Mexicans and a lot of Indians as workers to build this empire and among the big projects he had underway was a sawmill.

When the sawmill was about one-half completed, his foreman, James W. Marshall, discovered something shiny on the bedrock under a stream of water, which was planned as the source of power for the sawmill. It shone like gold. Marshall reached down and picked up a huge nugget.

Was it gold? Marshall had no way of telling, but he put it in a kettle of lye, which was being boiled to make soap. The shiny

metal was boiled all day and when it did not tarnish in the boiling lye, Marshall was certain he had found gold.

That was the end of the sawmill, for none of the workers would stay on the job. All rushed to pan gold. The word spread and some thousands of people in California and Mexico poured into the neighborhood to look for the treasure.

Within a year, one quarter of a million people from all over the world were pushing toward California to share in the fabulous fortune. Many chartered sailing vessels to make the trip which had to go from Eastern ports, like Boston and New York, all the way around Cape Horn, the southern tip of South America, and then all the way up to San Francisco. Others sailed to what is now known as the Isthmus of Panama, then fought their way through the jungle, hoping to catch a boat on the West Coast of Panama to carry them northward.

And just as many pushed their way over land by one route or another, across deserts, over mountains, fording huge and almost unknown rivers of the West.

Of these, thousands were killed by Indians, who resented the approach of the covered wagons and thousands more died in forlorn desert land of cholera. Many historians think at least 200,000 brave souls died before they reached the "Promised Land." These men and women, known as the Forty-Niners, found in California the most unbelievable conditions. Supplies were priced, because of great scarcity, at fabulously high prices. A pick and shovel, an outfit for panning gold, could sell for \$200. or \$300. A night's lodging could cost \$50. and a pound of bacon \$35. But you could buy in San Francisco harbor a huge sailing ship for \$5., because hundreds of ships were stranded. Everybody wanted to go West. There was no demand for a ship to go East.

There was no law and order until six or seven years later when vigilante committees were set up. The law of the land was the rifle and the pistol. Suspected persons were strung up by the neck without a trial.

Millions of dollars in gold was discovered and some got rich. Those who got richest were not the prospectors who went out into the hills, but those who stayed in San Francisco to sell the necessities of life to the miners.

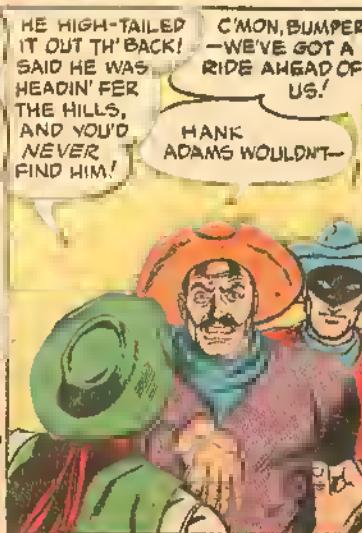
Never before or since has such a spirit of adventure ripped all America. Most of those who survived the trip found bitter disappointment, but some became millionaires.

The important thing, however, is that the gold-rush of 1849 started the great trek to the West—opened up the huge new empire—brought, through the years, millions upon millions of people to the Western states. The great cattle ranches, the great mining enterprises of Nevada and Arizona, the building of the huge Western cities all got their start from the brave souls who dared enormous peril to go West.

There would have been no cowboys, no cattle, no frontier life if the trail had not been blazed by the immortal Forty-Niners. Perhaps, I'll tell you more about these gold rush days in a later issue. I know because my paw was one of the first. Want to hear about those good old days?

THE WRONG KILLER







HE KILLED WYETH? NO..NO!
YOU GOTTA STOP THAT KILLER,
DIAMOND! HE'S GONNA GET
US ALL!

WHY WOULD HE GUN
FOR YOU, LUKE?
WHAT DID YOU EVER
DO TO HIM?

NOTHIN'..HE'S
CRAZY! HE'S A
LUNATIC! DON'T
STAND AROUND
HERE—GET
HIM!!

OKAY, LUKE!
BUT BE CARE-
FUL! DON'T
LET HIM GET
THE DROP ON
YOU!

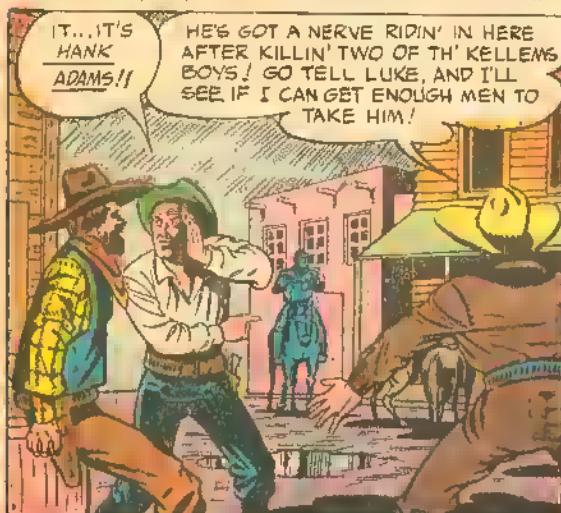
HE'S SURE
SCARED,
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I NEVER
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I'D SEE
THE DAY!
BULLIES LIKE LUKE
KELLEMS ARE ALWAYS
YELLOW IF YOU DIG
DEEP ENOUGH! HE'S
GONNA GET SCARED
ENOUGH TO CRACK
PRETTY SOON—AND
THEN WE'LL GET THE
TRUTH OUT OF HIM!



MEANWHILE, HANK ADAMS WAS GETTING RESTLESS...

IT...IT'S
HANK
ADAMS!!

HE'S GOT A NERVE RIDIN' IN HERE
AFTER KILLIN' TWO OF TH' KELLEMS
BOYS! GO TELL LUKE, AND I'LL
SEE IF I CAN GET ENOUGH MEN TO
TAKE HIM!



I CAN'T SET OUT THERE
FOREVER! DIAMOND
MUST'VE FORGOT TO
TELL ME...

YOU KNOW WHAT WE
WANT, ADAMS! YOU GOT
A DATE WITH LUKE
KELLEMS

WHA—? WHAT DO
YOU WANT?



LET ME
GO I
DIDN'T
DO
NUTHIN'!

YOU'RE A YELLA LIAR,
ADAMS! I'M GONNA
TREAT YOU JUST THE
WAY YOU TREATED MY
BROTHERS!



MARSHAL! IT'S A LYNCHIN'
THEY'RE HANGIN' THE GUY
WHO KILLED THE KELLEMS
BOYS!

THAT BLASTED
FOOL MUST'VE
COME BACK TO
TOWN! C'MON,
BUMPER.



DROP THAT GUN,
KELLEMS. YOU'RE
NOT TAKING
THE LAW INTO
YOUR OWN
HANDS!

HE KILT MY
BROTHERS,
MARSHAL! NO-
BODY GONNA
STOP ME FROM GET-
TING REVENGE!
KICK THE HORSE
OUT, BOYS!





RED FIRE

in "THE PHANTOM PUMA"

A MAN CAN STAND A FLESH AND BLOOD ENEMY, BUT EVEN THE BRAVEST WILL FEEL HIS BLOOD RUN COLD WHEN HE IS THREATENED BY THE SUPERNATURAL! RED FIRE KNEW HE HAD TO CALM THE PANICKED MEN, AND HE HAD TO DO IT FAST... BEFORE THE INHUMAN KILLER CLAIMED HIM AS ITS NEXT VICTIM!



C'MON WOLF! LET'S RIDE, WHITE LIGHTNING! WE'VE GOT A KILLER TO CATCH!



IT WAS ALMOST DUSK, AS LANK MASTERSOHN AND HIS NEPHEW JESS WERE HEADING FOR THEIR RANCH HOUSE...

IT'S ANOTHER DEAD STEER, UNCLE LANK! KILLED BY SOME KIND OF ANIMAL! JUST LIKE THE OTHERS!

IT MUST BE A PUMA! HE'LL RUIN US IF WE DON'T GET HIM!



A PUMA! WE NEVER HAD ANY PUMAS AROUND HERE!

THEY'LL GO A LONG WAYS WHEN THEY'RE HUNGRY! LET'S GO BOY. WE'VE GOTTA ROUND UP SOME MEN AND HUNT THIS THING DOWN!



I AIN'T GOIN' OUT,
MASTERSON! AIN'T
YOU NEVER HEARD OF
THE INDIAN GOD OF
DEATH? HE TAKES THE
FORM OF A PUMA, AN'
GITS REVENGE ON
WHITE MEN!

YOU MAKE ME SICK, WATERS!
I KNEW YOU WERE GETTIN'
OLD, BUT I DIDN'T THINK
YOU'D STARTED BELIEVING
IN GHOSTS! DOES ANY-
BODY HAVE THE GUTS
TO RIDE WITH ME?

I'LL
GO!
STAY HERE, BOY! THIS IS
A MAN'S JOB...IF THERE
ARE ANY MEN HERE!

OKAY!!
YEAH
"I'LL
GO!"



THE MEN AT THE RANCH WAITED NERVOUSLY FOR
OVER AN HOUR, AND THEN...

IT'S
MASTERSON! IT JUMPED US OUT OF NOWHERE!
THEY'RE BOTH DEAD!!



I DROVE IT OFF, AND THEN
I, I BURIED 'EM. I NEVER
SAW ANYTHING SO BIG!!!
EYES SHINED IN THE DARK!!!
UGH!

THAT DOES IT! I'M
GETTIN' OUT OF HERE!
COME SUNUP!
RED FIRE'S AN INDIAN
HE'LL KNOW WHAT
TO DO!



THERE WON'T BE A
MAN LEFT IN THE
VALLEY UNLESS WE
CAN GET THAT PUMA!
DO YOU BELIEVE IN
THE LEGEND, RED
FIRE?

I'LL HAVE TO LOOK AROUND
BEFORE I MAKE UP MY
MIND ABOUT THIS ONE.
LET'S RIDE OVER TO WHERE
THE MEN WERE ATTACKED!



IT MUST'VE
BEEN AROUND
HERE!

THEN IT MUST'VE LEAPED FROM UP
ABOVE, "Tarnation! GET TO
YOU'RE HORSE, JESS! WE'RE GONNA
FOLLOW HIM!"



IT'S
GONE!
BUT...
WHERE?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT'S
GONNA BE DARK SOON,
AND WE'D BETTER BE
GETTIN' BACK TO THE
RANCH!

IF RED FIRE
HAADN'T SHOT
WHEN HE DID,
IT WOULD HAVE
GOT US BOTH!

I AINT
YELLOW,
BUT I
KNOW
WHEN IT'S
TIME TO
CLEAR OUT!

THE NEXT MORNING...

HELLO, RED
FIRE! WHAT
CAN I DO
FOR YOU?

I'D LIKE TO ASK A
FAVOR, BEN! CAN I
SEE A MAP SHOWING
THE LAND AROUND
MASTERSON'S RANCH?

THAT'S MASTERSON'S RANCH TO
THE SOUTH, AND HAROLD JUDSON
OWNS THE LAND JUST NORTH—
FROM THE TERRITORY TO THE
WICHITA RIVER!

HMM... DID
EITHER ONE
EVER TRY TO
BUY THE OTHER
OUT?

SURE, BUT
NEITHER WOULD
SELL ANYTHING
ELSE I CAN
TELL YOU?

NO THANKS,
JED. BE
SEEIN' YOU
JUDSON'S GOTTA
BE THE KEY MAN
IN THIS! THINK I'll
PAY HIM A CALL

MASTERSON

WICHITA
RIVER

JUDSON

I'M GETTIN' UP A POSSE TO
HUNT THE PUMA THAT'S BEEN
RAIDING MASTERSON'S RANCH.
AND I THOUGHT SOME OF
YOUR MEN MIGHT HELP,
JUDSON!

THE PUMA HASN'T
BOthered us at
all! But the men
are gettin' plenty
restless, though!

IT'S FUNNY THAT LANK MASTERSON
WOULD LOSE TWO MEN AND OVER
TEN STEERS, AND YOU WOULDN'T
BE ATTACKED AT ALL! I HOPE YOUR
LUCK HOLDS, JUDSON! YOU'VE GOT
A VALUABLE RANCH HERE... I HOPE
NOTHIN' HAPPENS TO IT!

DON'T WORRY,
RED FIRE...
IT WON'T!

THE
NEXT
DAY...

THE BIG CAT
ATTACKED
JUDSON'S RANCH
LAST NIGHT?
HE LOST A MAN
AND FIVE
STEERS!

THAT SETTLES IT...
THIS LANDS JINXED!
I'M GONNA SELL
WHILE THE RANCH
IS STILL WORTH
SOMETHIN'!

NO, DON'T DO
ANYTHING YET!
I'VE GOT SOME
HUNCHES, BUT
I WANT TO
SEE JUDSON
FIRST!

I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT
WHAT HAPPENED MR. JUDSON?
DO YOU SUPPOSE I COULD
LOOK AT THE DEAD STEERS??

WE SLAUGHTERED
THEM ALREADY! THE
WEATHER'S SO HOT I
WAS AFRAID THE
MEAT WOULD
SPOIL!



YOU DIDN'T WASTE
MUCH TIME! NOW
NOBODY'LL EVER
KNOW WHETHER
THEY WERE KILLED
BY A PUMA OR
NOT!

I'M SICK OF YOU
HINTING I'M
BEHIND THIS, I
DON'T CARE IF
YOU ARE A KID,
YOU CAN'T TALK
TO ME LIKE THAT!

I'M SORRY... I
GUESS I SPOUTED
OFF A LITTLE! IT'S
JUST THAT SOMETHING'S FISHY,
AND I DON'T
TRUST ANYBODY ANY
MORE.

THAT'S OK, SON!
I'M PRETTY EDGY
MYSELF! HALF MY
MEN HAVE QUIT
ALREADY. I'M
AFRAID I'M GONNA
HAVE TO SELL
OUT WHILE I
STILL CAN!

LATER... ON THE TRAIL...

I'M GONNA HAVE TO
GET THIS PUMA QUICK
...AND I THINK
I KNOW HOW!
GET BACK TO THE
RANCH AND GET
SOME SHOTGUNS!

OKAY...
BUT I SURE
WISH I KNEW
WHAT THIS
WAS ALL
ABOUT!



WE'RE GOING TO THE PLACE
WHERE HE JUMPED YOU!
DON'T WORRY, HE WON'T
SNEAK UPON US!

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T
DO THIS... IT'S NOT WORTH
IT! **SOMEBODY**
WILL GET HIM!



HOURS LATER, RED FIRE DITCHES HIS PLAN INTO ACTION...

BUT WHY DID YOU PUT
DUMMIES ON OUR HORSES,
RED FIRE? AND WHAT
MAKES YOU SO **SURE**
HE'S GONNA SHOW UP?

I'M NOT! BUT IF HE DOES,
I WANT HIM TO ATTACK
THE DUMMIES... NOT US!
I THINK... **QUIET!!!**
THAT'S HIM!



STOP RIGHT THERE, WHAT...??

OR I'LL FIRE!

WATCH OUT, RED
FIRE! IT'S GOT
A GUN!

BUT, I...I
DON'T...
C'MON! WE'LL FIND OUT
ABOUT THIS PUMA,
RIGHT NOW!

IT'S VAUGHAN
WATERS!

YEAH...IN A PUMA DISGUISE!
C'MON, LET'S GET HIM TO A
DOCTOR!

THE PUMA GOT UPWIND
OF THE HORSES TWICE, AND
THEY NEVER PAID ANY
ATTENTION TO THE SCENE.
IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN
A REAL ANIMAL!

I FIGURED IT WAS WATERS
BECAUSE HE WAS THE ONE
WHO STARTED THE IDEA
THAT THIS WAS SUPERNATURAL.
**BUT HE WAS THE
ONLY MAN WHO
DIDN'T RUN!**

BUT, WHY DID...
YIHHHHH!?

I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU 'TILL
GET OUT OF HERE FAST!

BANG!
BANG!

RIDE HARD, JESS! HE WON'T
FOLLOW US! HEAD FOR
THE RANCH!

RED FIRE AND JESS REACH THE
MASTERSON RANCH SAFELY, AND
THEN, MINUTES LATER...

WHY WOULD UNCLE
LANK BE OUT
RIDING AT NIGHT?

I EXPECT HE GOT
WORRIED ABOUT,
YOU, JESS. HERE
HE COMES NOW!

THANK GOD
YOU'RE
SAFE! I
HEARD SHOTS...
I'M NOT
SURPRISED
MASTERSON.
"SEEIN'
YOU
FIRED
THEM!"

YOU AND WATERS RIGGED
THE WHOLE THING TO TRY
AND SCARE JUDSON OFF
HIS RANCH. DON'T
DRAW THAT GUN!

YOU
TALK
TOO
MUCH!

NO FRESH KID'S
GONNA...
ARRRGH!

IT'S JUST YOUR SHOULDER,
MASTERSON. YOU'RE LUCKIER
THAN THE TWO MEN YOU MURDERED!

I'M SORRY, JESS... I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL
YOU 'TILL I WAS SURE. I LEARNED FROM THE
DEED'S OFFICE THAT YOUR UNCLE HAD TRIED
TO BUY JUDSON OUT, AND JUDSON WOULDN'T
SELL. HE AND WATERS RIGGED THIS TO
FORCE HIM OUT!

YOUR UNCLE'S LAND HUNGRY, AND HE
WOULDN'T LET JUDSON STAND IN HIS
WAYS. THIS WAY HE'D FORCE DOWN THE
VALUE OF BOTH RANCHES, AND THEN
BUY JUDSON OUT!

YOU'RE
A SMART
KID,
AREN'T
YA?

SMART ENOUGH TO
SEE THAT YOU AND
WATERS STAND
TRIAL FOR MURDER?
WANT TO RIDE IN WITH
ME, JESS?

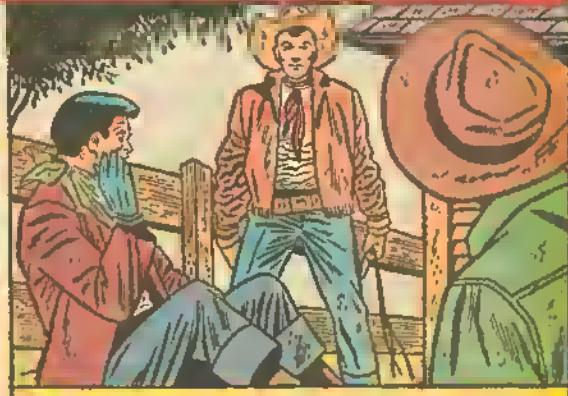
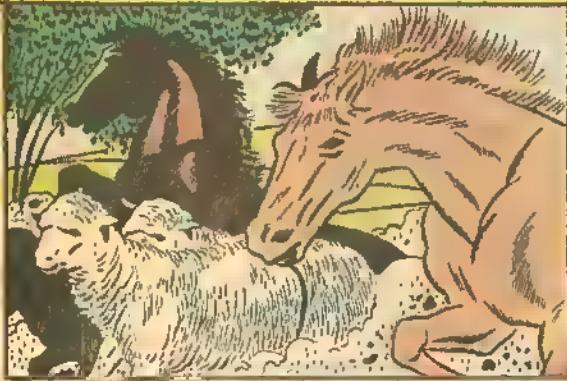
I,, I RECKON I'LL
STAY HERE, RED
FIRE. I KIND OF
WANT TO EXPLAIN
THIS TO JUDSON.
MYSELF?
THANKS,, RED FIRE
FOR EVERYTHING!

THE
END.

Lev Gleason's

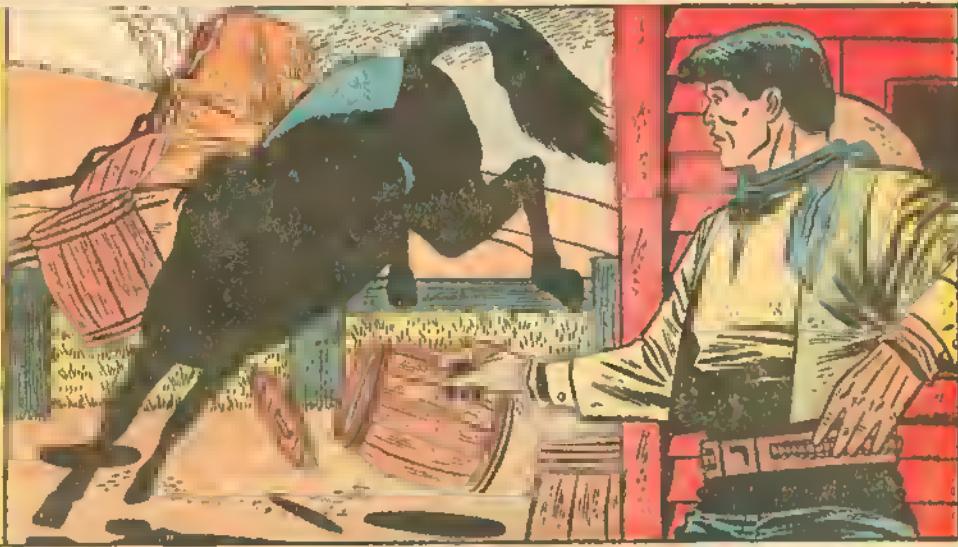
WESTERN LORE

ON THE OLD WEST, SHEEPMEN BECAME THE NATURAL ENEMIES OF THE CATTLEMEN. THIS ENMITY WAS CAUGHT BY THE ANIMALS THEMSELVES. FREQUENTLY HORSES OR COWS, SMELLING WOOL, WOULD STAMPEDE AND ATTACK THE OFFENDING SHEEP.



COWBOYS RESPECTED THEIR CATTLE AND HORSES. IF A COWBOY WAS UNNECESSARILY CRUEL TO HIS HORSE, HE WOULD BE WHIPPED BY THE OTHER MEN FOR HIS CRUELTY!

A FRIGHTENED WILD HORSE WILL LOSE HIS GOOD JUDGEMENT. HE WILL RUSH UP AGAINST A DANGEROUS BARRIER OR EVEN KILL HIMSELF ONCE CAPTURED. HOWEVER A WILD HORSE ENJOYS THE COMPANY OF HUMAN BEINGS. OF COURSE THE WAY TO OVERCOME A WILD HORSE'S FEAR IS TO FEED HIM.



WILD HORSES WERE SOMETIMES CAPTURED BY CHASING THEM UNTIL THEY WERE EXHAUSTED. HUNTERS HAD TO CHANGE MOUNTS TWO OR EVEN THREE TIMES BEFORE HUNTED PRIZE HORSES COULD BE RUN DOWN.

ANOTHER WAY OF CAPTURING A WILD HORSE WAS KNOWN AS "CREASING". THIS MEANT GRAZING THE NECK OF A HORSE WITH A BULLET. THIS SERVED TO STUN THE HORSE COMPLETELY FOR A FEW MINUTES, BUT WOULD DO HIM NO PERMANENT INJURY.



EVERY HERD OF WILD HORSES HAD A LEADER, A FIGHTING STALLION. HE WAS AN EXCELLENT 'COWBOY', DIRECTING HIS BAND BY NIPPING AT THE FLANKS OF THOSE HORSES WHO DIDN'T KEEP IN LINE. HE WOULD FIND DRINKING WATER AND HIDE-OUTS; WAS ALWAYS THE LAST TO DRINK. THE STALLION RETAINED HIS LEADERSHIP ONLY SO LONG AS HE COULD FIGHT OFF AN ATTACK OF ANY CHALLENGING HORSE.



THE WESTERNER'S BEST FRIEND WAS HIS HORSE. FREQUENTLY, A HORSE WOULD GIVE UP HIS LIFE DEFENDING HIS MASTER. ONE HORSE, ALMOST COMPLETELY EXHAUSTED, HIS SADDLE BADLY BLOOD-STAINED, WALKED INTO A HOUSE, NIPPED THE SHOULDER OF THE HOMEOWNER, IN ORDER TO GET HIM TO BRING AID TO A WOUNDED RIDER.

THE COWBOY HAD TO BE READY FOR ACTION AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE. HE WOULD SLEEP FULLY DRESSED WITH A LARIAT AROUND HIM TIED TO HIS HORSE. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY--STAMPEDE OR INDIAN ATTACK, THE RUSH OF A HORSE WOULD GET A COWBOY INTO ALMOST IMMEDIATE ACTION!



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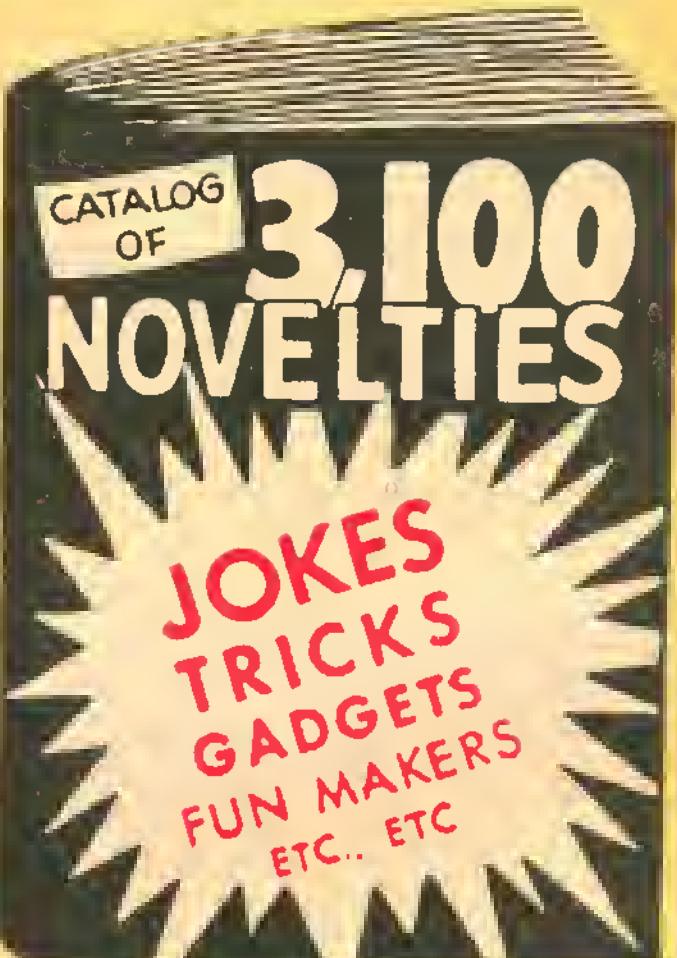
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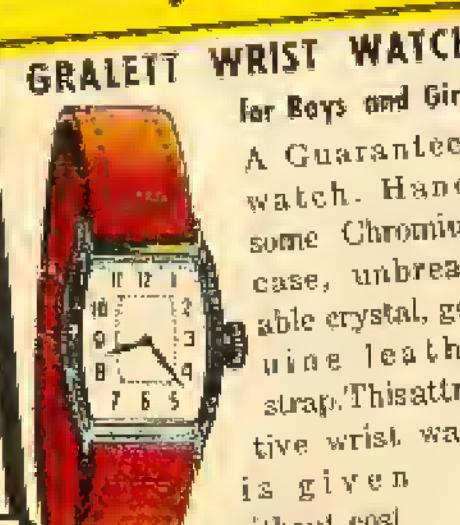
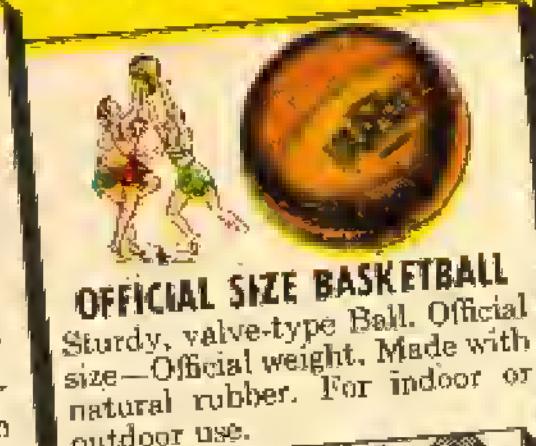
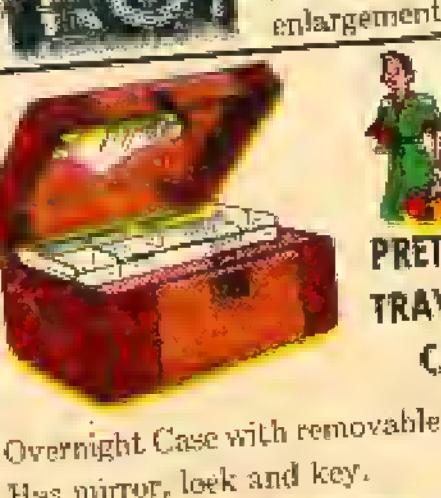
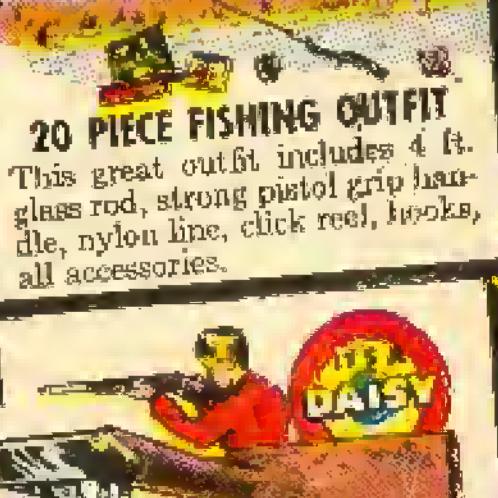
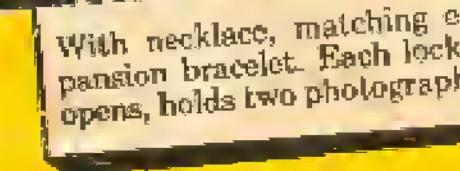
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